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OFFICE OF
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Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
Attn: Jeff Ruch
2000 P Street N.W., Suite 240
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2016-007249

Mr. Ruch,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated June 9, 2014, Requesting information regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of §828 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (codified at 41 U.S.C. §4712), which provides whistleblower protection to employees of contractors working for Federal government agencies.

The Office of Administration and Resources Management has conducted a search and determined that no responsive records exist.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions concerning this determination, please contact Lauren Lemley, 202-564-1290.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynnann Hitchens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynnann" and last name "Hitchens" clearly distinguishable.

Lynnann Hitchens, Acting Director
Office of Resources Operations and Management